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GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

STATED COMMUNICATION,

MARCH 7, 1865.

A STATED Communication of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Freemasons' Hall, No. 10 Summer Street, Boston, on Tuesday, the seventh day of March, A.D. 1865, R.A.M. 2395.

Officers Present.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON	Grand High Priest.
M. E. ALBERT E. FOTH	Grand King.
M. E. WANTON T. DREW	Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. FREDERIC A. PIERCE	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. LYMAN B. MESTON	Grand Master third Veil.
E. EDWARD STEARNS	Grand Master second Veil *p. t*
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Grand Master first Veil.
E. WILLIAM F. DAVIS	Grand Treasurer *p. t.*
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. JOHN W. DADMUN E. JOHN P. ROBINSON	Grand Chaplains.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturer.

Permanent Members.

E. W. TOLMAN.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.	GEORGE SHERWIN.
A. A. DAME.	WYZEMAN MARSHALL.	JOHN N. PIKE.
JOHN MCCLELLAN.	CHARLES C. DAME.	JAMES KIMBALL.
HENRY CHICKERING.	RICHARD BRIGGS.	

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The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The Records of the last meeting read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz. : —

St. Andrew's.	St. Paul's.	Waverly.
King Cyrus.	Thomas.	Mystic.
Washington.	Mount Horeb.	Sutton.
Adoniram.	Shekinah.	Waltham.
Morning Star.	Berkshire.	

The following communication, from the Massachusetts Convention of High Priests, was presented and read : —

To the M. E. Grand High Priest and all other Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Be it known, that on the evening of the thirteenth day of December, A.L. 5864, the following named candidates, M. E. Companions F. J. Foss of Waverly Chapter, Melrose; Robert C. Brown of Fall River Chapter, Fall River; Daniel W. Lawrence of Mystic Chapter, Medford; James E. Carpenter of Keystone Chapter, Foxborough; William H. Jaquith of Mount Sinai Chapter, Lawrence; Benjamin Dew of St. Matthew's Chapter, South Boston; E. H. Brainard of St. Matthew's Chapter, South Boston; Daniel Fittz of Pawtucket Chapter, Haverhill; Samuel B. Thaxter of Pilgrim Chapter, Abington; George H. Marden of Shekinah Chapter, Chelsea; A. C. Blethen of Sutton Chapter, Lynn; Samuel L. Fowle of St. John's Chapter, East Boston; and A. E. Foth of Morning Star Chapter, Springfield, were duly consecrated to the order of High Priesthood and will be acknowledged accordingly.

Ebenezer W. Tolman,
Sec. of the Mass. Con. of High Priests.

Boston, Dec. 13, A.L. 5864.

A petition, signed by Samuel Little, C. J. Danforth, George Frost, John Franklin Newton, William Bird May, George Elijah Hersey, Joseph Houghton Chadwick, John William Lord, John William Dadmun, Charles Augustus

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Jones, Henry Stillman Lawrence, Ebenezer Adams, Franklin Smith Merritt, and Joshua Holton Putnam, praying for leave to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the City of Roxbury, to be called "Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter," was presented and referred to M. E. Companions Wyzeman Marshall, Henry Chickering, and Charles C. Dame. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted: —

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Little and thirteen other Royal Arch Masons, asking leave to establish a Royal Arch Chapter in the City of Roxbury, to be called Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, have attended to the subject of said petition, and recommend that the prayer of said petitioners be granted when the constitutional consent of the proper Chapter shall have been obtained.

WYZEMAN MARSHALL.
HENRY CHICKERING.
CHARLES C. DAME.

BOSTON, March 7, 1865.

The following proposition to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter was submitted by Companion Theodore H. Emmons: In Art. XVIII., strike out, in 10th and 11th lines, the words "to the several Chapters under this jurisdiction." In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution this proposition lays over until the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion A. A. Dame, in a few appropriate remarks, announced the decease of our M. E. Companion JOHN R. BRADFORD, — a permanent member of this Grand Chapter, — and moved that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions relative to this event. The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed M. E. Companions A. A. Dame, W. Marshall, and J. W. Dadmun to serve on the Committee aforesaid.

By invitation of St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, then in

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session, the Grand Chapter visited that body and witnessed a specimen of their work on the Past and Most Excellent Masters' Degrees.

On returning to their hall, on motion of M. E. Charles C. Dame, it was *Voted*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter for the elegant and correct exhibition of their work on the above occasion.

Closed in Ample Form.

STATED COMMUNICATION,

JUNE 13, 1865.

A STATED Communication of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Freemasons' Hall, No. 10 Summer Street, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 13th of June, A.D. 1865, R.A.M. 2395.

Officers Present.

M. E. SOLON THORNTON	Grand High Priest.
M. E. CALEB RAND	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. ALBERT E. FOTH	Grand King.
E. WANTON T. DREW	Grand Scribe.
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSE	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. FREDERIC A. PIERCE	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Grand Master first Veil.
E. PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer.
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturer.
E. JOHN P. ROBINSON E. RUFUS S. POPE E. JOHN W. DADMUN	Grand Chaplains.

Permanent Members.

JOHN MCCLELLAN.	CHARLES C. DAME.	W. MARSHALL.
E. W. TOLMAN.	A. A. DAME.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.

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The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The records of the last Communication read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz. : —

St. Andrew's.	Northampton.	Mystic.
King Cyrus.	Concord.	Sutton.
Washington.	St. John's.	Cambridge.
Adoniram.	Orient.	Waltham.
Morning Star.	Berkshire.	St. Mark's.
St. Paul's.	Waverly.	Mount Vernon.
Mount Lebanon.	St. Matthew's.	

M. E. Companion A. A. Dame submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously adopted : —

In Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, June 13, 1865.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter to report resolutions for its adoption on the lamented death of Excellent Companion John R. Bradford, submit the following : —

Companion Bradford was born in Boston on the nineteenth day of September, 1790, and he died on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1865. He received his education at the public schools of his native city ; and, during his minority, was employed in a grocery store, and subsequently carried on the same business until the year 1827, when he was appointed by the city government one of the public weighers and was annually re-elected until his death, — a period of thirty-eight successive years. This fact alone affords the best evidence of his honesty, of his faithfulness to duty, and of the integrity of his character as a business man.

He received the first three degrees in Freemasonry in Mount Lebanon Lodge, Boston, in the month of March, 1813, and was admitted a member in July following. In 1820 he was elected Junior Warden, and in the following year he filled the office of Senior Warden. In 1826 he withdrew his membership, and was admitted a member of St. Andrew's Lodge in 1836, and was almost constantly thereafter in office in said Lodge and engaged in active duties therein. At two different periods he was elected Master of said Lodge, the duties of which he discharged with honor and credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his

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brethren of the Lodge; and, at the time of his death, was its Treasurer.

He received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in St. Andrew's Chapter, in this city, in 1815, and was admitted to membership the following year. He at once acquired an accurate knowledge of the ritual and work of the degrees; and, filling most of its subordinate offices, in 1823 was elected its High Priest, which office he held three years, discharging the duties with singular ability. In 1832 he was again elected to the same office, and served another term of three years. He was one of the original members of the Boston Council of Royal and Select Masters, which was organized in 1817, and presided in that body from 1829 to 1839, — a period of ten years. In 1835 he received the Orders of Knighthood, in the Boston Encampment, and was soon after admitted a member. Having filled most of its inferior offices, he was finally elected its M. E. Grand Commander, which office he held the usual term. In 1848 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and presided over that body two years. In 1845 he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in which office he served three years.

He was for many years an active and most efficient member of this Grand Chapter, and was elected Grand Scribe in 1840, and served as Grand King the three following years. He always felt a deep interest in preserving the ritual and work of the degrees conferred in the Chapter in their original purity, as taught by those who founded them, and he had serious apprehensions that some of the ancient landmarks were in danger of being neglected and forgotten. He was equalled by few and excelled by none in the knowledge of the ritual and work of the degrees and orders of Freemasonry, from that of Entered Apprentice to that of Knight Templar inclusive, and he was at all times and on all occasions ready and willing to impart to others the knowledge of which he was himself possessed. Few men could have been more missed in our masonic assemblies than he has been and will continue to be; therefore, —

Resolved, That in the death of our late Companion, JOHN R. BRADFORD, we mourn the loss of a true-hearted brother, of a loving and loved com-

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panion, of a faithful, able, and exemplary officer, of a steadfast friend, and of an honest man; that though darkness and silence enshroud his mortal remains, yet we rejoice in the assurance that light and gladness are his eternal portion, and that, like his brethren of old, he has but made the exodus from the bondage of earth to the promised land of heaven; that though we would not recall him to the trials and vicissitudes of earthly life, yet for long years to come we shall sadly miss his genial smiles, his hearty grasp, and his cheerful salutation at our assemblages, and his earnest and kindly good night at our separations.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the afflicted family of our deceased Companion, and that we tender them the assurance of our sincere participation in their sorrow.

A. A. Dame.
J. W. Dadmun.
Wyzeman Marshall.

A petition was presented, signed by B. S. Bucklin, N. W. Quint, Henry Wheeler, William Grover, Porter Underwood, C. H. Lyman, C. L. Brink, A. E. Marsh, L. Pinkham, R. B. Johnson, T. H. Wellington, T. C. Page, John A. Day, and Charles Cochrane, praying for leave to organize a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Holyoke, by the name of "Mount Holyoke Chapter." This petition was referred to M. E. Companions A. E. Foth, Charles C. Dame, and C. A. Welch. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was unanimously accepted: —

In Grand Royal Arch Chapter, June 13, 1865.

The Committee, to whom was referred the petition of B. S. Bucklin and others for a Royal Arch Chapter in the town of Holyoke, respectfully report that they recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A. E. Foth.
Charles C. Dame.
Charles A. Welch.

Voted, That the first four officers be delegated to represent this Grand Chapter at the Convocation of th ‹General

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Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States to be held at Columbus, Ohio, in September next.

The proposition submitted at the last stated meeting by Companion Theodore H. Emmons, to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, was taken up and adopted, as follows, viz.: strike out of Art. XVIII., the 10th and 11th lines, the words, "to the several Chapters under this jurisdiction."

By invitation of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, then in session, the Grand Chapter repaired to their Hall and witnessed a specimen of their work on the Royal Arch Degree, which was highly creditable to that ancient Chapter. The Grand Chapter then withdrew, and closed in Ample Form.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

SEPT. 12, 1865.

THE Annual Communication of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Freemasons' Hall, No. 10 Summer Street, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 12th September, A.D. 1865, R.A.M. 2395.

Present: M. E. SOLON THORNTON, Grand High Priest, with several other officers and permanent members of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was opened without ceremony.

Several officers of this Grand Chapter being necessarily absent in attending the meeting of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States at Columbus, Ohio, and there being no business requiring immediate action, the Grand Chapter was adjourned to Tuesday the tenth day of October next, then to meet at 7 o'clock P.M., for the choice of officers.

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ADJOURNED ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Oct. 10, 1865.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts was held by adjournment at Freemasons' Hall, No. 10 Summer Street, Boston, on Tuesday evening 10th October, A.D. 1865, R.A.M. 2395.

Present.

M. E. Solon Thornton	Grand High Priest.
M. E. Caleb Rand	Deputy Grand High Priest
E. Albert E. Foth	Grand King.
E. Wanton T. Drew	Grand Scribe.
E. Theodore H. Emmons	Grand Captain of the Host
E. George T. Ambrose	Grand Principal Sojourner.
E. Frederic A. Pierce	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E. Lyman B. Meston	Grand Master third Veil.
E. Henry Endicott	Grand Master second Veil
E. Marlborough Williams	Grand Master first Veil.
E. Peter C. Jones	Grand Treasurer.
E. Thomas Waterman	Grand Secretary.
E. Rufus S. Pope E. John W. Dadmun E. John P. Robinson	Grand Chaplains.
E. Alfred F. Chapman	Grand Lecturer.

Permanent Members.

E. M. P. Wells.	John McClellan.	Richard Briggs.
William Parkman.	William W. Baker.	A. A. Dame.
Charles C. Dame.	E. W. Tolman.	W. Marshall.

The Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form. The record of the last Communication was read and approved.

The following Chapters were represented, viz. : —

St. Andrew's.	Concord.	Mystic.
King Cyrus.	Mount Horeb.	Sutton.
Washington.	St. John's.	Fall River.
Adoniram.	Shekinah.	Cambridge.
Morning Star.	Orient.	Waltham.
St. Paul's.	Berkshire.	St. Mark's.
Mount Zion.	King Solomon's.	Mount Vernon.
Worcester.	Keystone.	Mount Holyoke.
Northampton.	Waverly.	

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M. E. John McClellan, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report, which was read and unanimously accepted: —

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, having examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the year ending Aug. 31, 1865, beg leave to submit the following Report: —

It appears by the books of that officer, which your Committee find correct, that there was a balance of cash in his hands at the commencement of the year, of	$558.97	
He has received dues from twenty-seven Chapters	1,801.00	
For Dispensations for five Chapters	450.00	
Interest on Investments	894.50	
Premium on Gold	42.12	
		$3,246.59

His Disbursements have been as follows: —

For Regalia	$529.00	
Diplomas	306.45	
Printing	200.00	
Charters for New Chapters	90.00	
Secretary's, Tyler's, and Organist's fees	91.00	
Rent of Hall and Gas	153.00	
Charity	375.00	
Banquet	162.00	
Expense of Grand Officers for constituting new Chapters, visiting Chapters, &c.	779.71	
Sundry Bills	108.68	
One share National Bank of North America	100.00	
One share Howard National Bank	100.00	$2,994.84
Balance on hand		$251.75

The Property of the Grand Chapter consists of —

One City of Boston 5 per cent Bond	$1,000.00
Five shares Howard National Bank	500.00
Two shares North National Bank	200.00
Seven shares Eliot National Bank	700.00
Five shares Boston National Bank	500.00
Two shares First National Bank	200.00
Five shares Merchants' National Bank	500.00
Three shares National Bank of North America	300.00
Cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer	251.75
Total	$4,151.75

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The Committee recommend the payment of fifty dollars to the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MCCLELLAN.
RICHARD BRIGGS.
WILLIAM F. KNOWLES.

Voted, To proceed to the election of Officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

M. E. Companions McClellan, Foth, Baker, Williams, and Pierce were appointed a Committee to collect, assort, and count the votes, when the following officers were duly elected: —

RICHARD BRIGGS	Grand High Priest.
JOHN W. DADMUN	Deputy Grand High Priest
DAVID W. CRAFTS	Grand King.
MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	Grand Scribe.
PETER C. JONES	Grand Treasurer.
THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Secretary.

M. E. Solon Thornton, Past Grand High Priest, then proceeded to install M. E. RICHARD BRIGGS as GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS for the year ensuing. The other officers above named were duly installed, and the following appointments announced, viz.: —

THEODORE H. EMMONS	Grand Captain of the Host.
GEORGE T. AMBROSE	Grand Principal Sojourner.
LOUIS A. FELIX	Grand Royal Arch Captain.
CHARLES AVERY	Grand Master third Veil.
BENJAMIN LEWIS	Grand Master second Veil.
J. K. BAKER	Grand Master first Veil.
RUFUS S. POPE, JOHN P. ROBINSON, WILLIAM S. STUDLEY	Grand Chaplains.
EBEN F. GAY	Senior Grand Steward.
CHARLES G. JACKMAN	Junior Grand Steward.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	Grand Lecturer.
JOHN MCCLELLAN, SOLON THORNTON, HENRY ENDICOTT	Committee of Finance.

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WILLIAM PARKMAN SAMUEL MILLARD THOMAS WATERMAN	Committee of Charity.
PETER C. JONES WILLIAM PARKMAN RICHARD BRIGGS	Trustees of the Funds.
EBEN F. GAY	Grand Tyler.

The officers appointed as above were duly installed and the usual proclamation made by the Grand Captain of the Host.

On motion of M. E. A. A. Dame, the thanks of this Grand Chapter were tendered to M. E. SOLON THORNTON for the able and acceptable manner in which he has discharged the responsible duties of Grand High Priest during the past three years.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in Ample Form.

Attest:

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

The COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE, in presenting their Annual Report, regret that the Reports from the several jurisdictions presented to them for examination are so very limited in number. We present herewith all that have been received by us, viz.:—

Canada	for	1864.	Maryland and Dist. of Col.,	for	1864.
California	„	„	Missouri	„	„
Iowa	„	„	New York	„	„
Illinois	„	„	New Jersey	„	„
Kentucky	„	„	New Hampshire	„	„
Ohio	„	„	Vermont	„	„

CANADA.

The seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was holden in the city of Quebec on the second Tuesday of August, 1864. T. Douglas Harrington, Grand Z., presiding.

From the Report of the Grand High Priest and Superintendents of the several districts, we learn that Royal Arch Masonry in the Canadas is in a healthy and flourishing condition. There appears to be a more earnest desire manifested by the Chapters under the Registry of England, Scotland, and Ireland, to fraternize with the companions under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, of Montreal, under the Registry of England, appears to lead the way. The Superintendent of the Montreal district reports that a considerable number of the members of St. Paul's Chapter have taken the intermediate degrees of M. P. and M. E. in the Carnavon Chapter, and he calls the attention of the Grand Chapter of Canada to the necessity of providing them with proper certifi-

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cates, in order to enable them to visit Mark Lodges in England, and the Royal Arch Chapters in the United States.

Victoria Royal Arch Chapter at Montreal has surrendered its English warrant, and has affiliated with the Grand Chapter of Canada, under the name of Mount Horeb, of Montreal.

Grand Superintendent Seymour, of the Hamilton district, reports, that the healthy vigor pervading Capitular Masonry in this district may lead to the establishment of one or more additional Chapters during the coming year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a very interesting Report, reviewing the proceedings of thirteen Grand Chapters, our own included. In alluding to the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, the Committee say: —

"In a few instances, however, war's devastating influence has operated disastrously to the successful working of Chapters in disturbed States; but on the whole, evidence is not wanting that our United States companions are alive to their duty in this respect, and will, in due time, by closely adhering to the exalted teachings of our Order, overcome their hindrances, which are but trials of their fidelity, to move them up to greater fervency and zeal."

We notice from their Report, in relation to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, that they reported as under their jurisdiction on the 31st of March, 1864, one hundred Chapters on the roll; of these twenty-nine are dormant, and six in arrears. Six new Chapters have been opened, three dormant ones revived, and a Provincial Grand Superintendent appointed for Victoria, New South Wales.

The Committee, in concluding their Report, say that "they beg to express their high sense of the valuable compilations prepared by the several Committees of sister Grand Chapters, the perusal of which has afforded them much valuable information that they could not otherwise have obtained. Always well digested and entertaining, and, with but rare exceptions, written in a truly Masonic spirit, there is no portion of the proceedings that they rise from reading with more genuine satisfaction than the Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Douglas Harrington was re-elected Grand Z.; and E. Companion Thomas B. Harris, Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters	23
„ „ Members	867

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CALIFORNIA.

The eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of California, assembled at the Masonic Temple in San Francisco, on the 4th of October, A.I. 2394, A.D. 1864, holding a session of four days. M. E. Ezra H. Van Decar, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge were most of them present, and the representatives of twenty-nine Chapters, leaving but five in the jurisdiction unrepresented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest presented his annual address, from which we extract his introductory remarks: —

"Once again, by the permission of the Grand High Priest of the universe, are we permitted to assemble around our sacred altars, to interchange our fraternal greetings, and to consider and do such acts of legislation as will best tend to promote the sublime principles of our time-honored institution. Let us first return to Him who doeth all things well, our grateful and heartfelt thanks for the many and bountiful blessings bestowed upon us; that the hand of death has been signally withheld from us; that discord, violence, and war have found no place upon our tranquil shores; and that peace and harmony prevail in our jurisdiction. These constantly recurring periods, which the rules of representative bodies assign to themselves, and at which they meet in convention to exercise those powers confided to them, are fraught with a responsibility that is not always appreciated by the actors. Not that they are unmindful of the duty they owe to those who clothed them with delegated authority, but that in the exercise of their privileges they too often forget that the laws and landmarks which have been the result of the wisdom of centuries are immutable, and that the progressive character of the present age is not always conducive to the welfare of the human race. History will devote to the present period an important page. In many things its dark actions will be told by the same pen that records the deeds of its heroes; and that our Order will not be conspicuous therein is in consequence of its most venerable characteristics being remembered; for by adhering to that conservatism which should always be observed by its votaries, and which has preserved it through decades of centuries and convulsions of kingdoms, we are permitted to assemble and kneel around our sacred altar, and invoke the blessing of the great I AM."

The M. E. Grand High Priest also reported that during the recess of the Grand Chapter, he had granted Dispensations for a Chapter at Los Angeles, named Los Angeles Chapter, and one at the town of La Porte, to be named Alturas Chapter. These

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Dispensations were confirmed by the Grand Chapter, and charters granted.

The Grand High Priest congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the uniformity of the work throughout the jurisdiction, and the healthy and prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the State.

From the Report of the Treasurer we learn that the amount paid for mileage and per diem of officers and representatives amounts to $1,115.50. Salaries, $1,024.

The resources of the Grand Chapter are derived from the several Chapters by an apportionment for the general and representative fund. The total amount due from the several Chapters was $3,057.

The business of the Convocation was local in its character — but little that would be of interest outside of their jurisdiction.

The Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is an interesting and able document, reviewing very fully the proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters, Massachusetts included. As most of these reports were noticed by us in our last Report, our space will not allow an extended notice, but we cannot forbear to notice the remarks of the Committee on the Grand Chapter of Illinois granting a dispensation for a military Chapter at Columbus, Kentucky. The Committee say: —

"While we may be willing to acknowledge that military Lodges may, in some instances, prove beneficial, we are not ready to concede that military Chapters can be of the least utility. If a Royal Arch Mason needs Masonic aid, no Master Mason will refuse it; and he will find twenty such before he will meet one who is in possession of the Chapter degrees. All the good that can possibly result from military Masonic organizations, can be effected by military Lodges; and if they were established with the sole object of enabling their members to perform their Masonic duties in a systematic manner, and were not permitted to confer degrees, the general good of Masonry would, in our opinion, be advanced, without the danger to its reputation which must necessarily arise from the want of knowledge of those who apply for admission to such degrees, and of opportunity to investigate their fitness."

Again he says: —

"The issue of this dispensation was also in direct violation of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and that of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, inasmuch as it was granted for an indefinite length of time. We have alluded to this matter because, in times like these particularly, we dislike to

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see any act committed which has a tendency to weaken the fraternal bond by which we are all bound; and with this one our Companions of Kentucky have certainly great reason to find fault. We notice that the Committee to whom this subject was referred, while they recommended that the action of the Grand High Priest should be approved, doubted its expediency; and that the Committee on Chapters U. D. refused to recommend the issue of a like dispensation for a similar purpose."

We cordially agree with the views expressed by Comp. Owens on this subject. We fear that the imperfect knowledge obtained of the character and previous views of applicants for the Masonic degrees in military Lodges, may be the means of introducing disorder and confusion amongst the craftsmen. But as the unholy contest which has called these organizations into being is virtually ended, we trust that this doubtful and unmasonic expedient of seeking to advance and increase our Order by army Lodges, may be revoked, and that no Grand Chapter will hereafter permit a dispensation to be granted with authority to work the Chapter degrees.

The M. E. Isaac Davis, of Sacramento, was elected as Grand High Priest, and E. Lawrence C. Owens, of San Francisco, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters	34
„ „ Exaltations the past year	146
„ „ Members	1,211

IOWA.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation in the city of Des Moines, on the 4th and 6th of June, 1864. M. E. W. E. Woodward, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The address of the Grand High priest was confined to a report of the business of his office for the past year, and was local in its character.

He reports the death of M. E. Companions Kimball Porter and George W. Teas, Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. They were both of them true and devoted Masons.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by M. E. Companion W. B. Langridge, is a very interesting docu-

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ment, reviewing very fully and in a true Masonic spirit the proceedings of sixteen Grand Chapters, our own included. Alluding to the desire evinced of altering the Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry for the sake of *uniformity*, he remarks: In the proceedings of the Grand Chapter some interest appears to be arising on the subject of the Ritual, and some worthy companions seem to be grievously exercised for fear their work, or somebody else's work, will be, or will not be, the fashion in the jurisdiction in which their *light* may happen to shine.

They seem to forget that any one besides themselves may be right, or as near right as they are; but, like the Ephesians on a certain occasion, who when they feared that something to them new, even though older than their own recollections, might be learned and lived by, raised a tumult, and deafened all ears with their clamors in praise of the object of their own preference. Perhaps it would be wise for these uneasy companions to remember the town clerk's advice to those same noisy citizens of his, that they "ought to be quiet, and do nothing rashly."

The usual Reports were made, and the Grand Officers elected and installed.

M. E. L. S. Swafford, of Iowa City, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. W. B. Langridge, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters	28
Returns from 20 Chapters — Members	580
Exaltations „ „	52

ILLINOIS.

The M. E. Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois held its Annual Convocation at the city of Springfield, on Friday, the seventh day of October, A.I. 2394, A.D. 1864. M. E. Hiram W. Hubbard, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Forty-one out of seventy-two Chapters were represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, presenting to the Grand Chapter an account of his doings for the past year. We quote his introductory remarks: —

"By the blessing of the Supreme High Priest of the Universe, we are again permitted to assemble in Grand Annual Convocation, to review the

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past and plan for the future. While the clash of arms and the boom of cannon is still raging without, we are permitted to kneel around our sacred altar, and offer up our prayers and thanksgivings for the blessings vouchsafed to us, and have not forgotten the widow and orphan, nor a brother's welfare.

"Some of those who were wont to meet with us now rest in the quiet church-yard at home, while others have fallen on the battle-field, far away from those dear ones who would gladly have soothed their sufferings and dropped the green sprig at the head of their grave."

The M. E. Grand High Priest reports on his visit to Ashboth Military Chapter, U. D. (issued by the Grand Chapter of Illinois), at Columbus, Ky.; and although he "went there strongly prejudiced against military Lodges or Chapters," he says that he was forced to the conclusion that the interest and prosperity of the royal craft could be promoted in the armies of our country as well as in our quiet retreats at home. He says: —

"Most of their members are officers in the army and navy, some high in rank; and where, I ask, could they better spend their leisure hours (surrounded as they are with the vices and allurements which a soldier's life is heir to), than in the sacred retreat where there is not heard the sound of axe, hammer, or any tool of iron? Their hands are ever open; to them no worthy brother need apply in vain; they have fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and bound up the wounds of the afflicted; they have performed the last sad office of laying in the grave the remains of some of those dear ones who were bravely fighting for our glorious stars and stripes, and the sprig of acacia marks their last resting-place."

In our review of the proceedings of California, we noticed and quoted from the remarks of the Committee in relation to military Chapters, and this one in particular, not having at that time received the Proceedings from Illinois. But after carefully considering the whole question our views remain unchanged.

The same arguments might be used in favor of granting dispensations for Encampments and Councils; but as all the duties of relief and sympathy performed by the higher degrees can be performed by a Master Mason's Lodge, — the less including the greater, — we still think the practice an unsafe one, and contrary to the spirit of our Institution. We may be too conservative in our opinions, and if they were to be tried, as our M. E. Companions were, we might find ourselves yielding to the force of circumstances. But as the clouds seem to be lifting from our

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country's future, the occasion which has seemed to call these irresponsible bodies into being will, I trust, soon end, never to call us again to test our patriotism by the adoption of precedents which may prove injurious to the best interests of the fraternity.

During the past year dispensations were granted for nine Chapters; and we may be permitted to congratulate our sister Grand Chapter, that amidst all of her trials in the hour of our country's peril, her "fervency and zeal" is so truly exemplified by the increasing prosperity of our Order in this noble State.

The business of the Session was confined to its local affairs; nothing transacted that would be of general interest to other jurisdictions.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing the Proceedings of thirteen Grand Chapters, our own included. Most of these Reports were on our files of last year, and we find nothing new to notice.

We notice amongst their standing Resolutions the following: —

"*Resolved*, That the suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from a Master's Lodge, shall operate as a suspension or expulsion from a Chapter within this State, during the continuance of such sentence.

Resolved, "That the several Chapters in this State are prohibited from conferring any degrees upon non-affiliated Master Masons."

M. E. Wiley M. Egan of Chicago was elected Grand High Priest, and E. H. G. Reynolds was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters	72
48 Chapters report — Members	2,240
„ „ „ Exaltations	481

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Kentucky was holden in the city of Louisville on the 17th of October, A.D. 1864. M. E. S. D. McCullough, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Forty Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest presented his Annual Address; and in alluding to the misery and woe brought upon his own State, says: —

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"The destroyer, which has 'turned the world upside down, has come hither also,' and has left many a broken heart, many a desolate hearth-stone, and many a bloody stain. The worst passions of men have run riot through the land, owing to the dishonorng word *Rebellion:* treachery to God, to country, and to friends, are the usual and dreadful followers in its wretched train.

"In the midst of this havoc and horrid desolation, our God, whom we profess to worship, has mercifully spared our lives. May his 'goodness lead us to repentance.'"

He also calls the attention of the Grand Chapter to an organization called "Conservators," which, we are sorry to learn, is trying to undermine and destroy the prosperity of our Order. This is a secret and despotic organization, and has already attempted to work out its infernal plans in some of our Western jurisdictions. We trust that the true Masonic spirit may be awakened, and that these conspirators against the peace and harmony of our institution may receive their just reward. He says: —

"Some disturbance has been caused in Lodges and Chapters in portions of our land by a troubler of our fraternity, through the establishment of a secret and despotic institution called 'Conservators.' I have received the Proceedings of several Masonic bodies, in which a synopsis of the twelve points of their obligation is given. One of those points is this: '*Every Conservator is bound to use all his influence to obtain and hold the first three offices in his Lodge, and to seek, by every available means, to obtain possession of the Grand Lodge, so as to compel all Lodges to adopt and use the above-named system of work,*' — and, by implication, Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

"Another point is, '*To root out from office all the old Masons who adhere to any other system; to depreciate and diminish their influence; to create jealousies and divisions among them; to attack them, and drive them from all participation in the business or councils of the craft.*'

"I would suggest that an order be made by the Grand Chapter, that no Companion could hold an office in the Grand or Subordinate Chapter who is in any way connected with this secret organization, or who will not repudiate and withdraw, in *good faith,* from all connection with it, or its specific or implied objects."

In speaking of the inability of exhibiting the proper work of the degrees, he remarks that —

"One fruitful cause of the inability of Chapters to confer degrees properly and with understanding, doubtless, may be the election to the higher offices of companions, not because of their Masonic knowledge, but because of their naturally graceful manners and captivating address — like Absalom, who

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'stole the hearts of the men of Israel.' Let the offices be given to those best qualified for them. We make this rule generally in our choice of Secretary and Treasurer, to preserve our money and records. Why not follow the rule in the choice of our other officers, to preserve our rites? *Are they of less value than money and records?*"

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing the Proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters, — Massachusetts not having been received, — and say "That they cannot close their report, dictated in a spirit of kindness and fraternal feeling, without expressing their disapprobation at not having received the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, even to this late date," — naming some fifteen Grand Chapters. They are not surprised at the non-reception from States south of Kentucky.

Two copies were mailed from Massachusetts, one by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and one by the Grand Secretary, to all of the Grand Chapters where there were postal facilities; and as yet but a feeble response has been made to our request.

The Committee, in closing, remark: —

"We must again express our regret that the Proceedings of so many Grand Chapters have not reached us. We presume they were sent; these honored Masonic courtesies, we are assured, will never be forgotten; we miss the absent faces sadly; we love to look our love into their eyes, and feel that they speak 'love again.'

"Are there any Grand Arches broken? Search, companions, for the beautiful stone, and bring it forth with 'shoutings and great rejoicing,' and let it again become 'the head of the corner.'"

Resolutions were passed in relation to the death of the M. E. M. H. Burns, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and a memorial page dedicated to his memory. He was cut down in the bloom and vigor of manhood, enjoying, amongst a large circle of intelligent and refined people, a proud position for medical attainments, and those ennobling qualities of heart that alone distinguish the good.

M. E. William E. Robinson, of Louisville, was elected Grand High Priest; and E. Comp. Philip Swigort was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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The amount of dues paid to the Grand Chapter from forty-five Chapters was $1,433.

Whole number of Chapters	74
Twenty-nine of which have made no returns.	
Forty-five Chapters return — Members	1,389
Exaltations	221

MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Baltimore on the 14th of November, A.I. 2394. M. E. John L. Yeates, G. H. P., presiding.

The annual address of the G. H. P. was confined principally to a report of his official acts and to the anomalous proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at its last triennial meeting at Chicago in 1859.

We commend his remarks upon the importance of a wise and skillful selection of the *materials* presented for the building up of our Masonic edifice:

"But we must remember, Companions, that the true value of our mystic science is not attributable to numerical force, but to the real worth, industry, and intelligence of our members; numbers may come into our courts and rally under our banners, and yet be as unproductive as drones in the hive, and who, possessing neither industry or ambition, will never aspire to work off a single design from the trestle-board, or add a solitary ashlar to the temple. How careful, then, should we be to admit none within the veils but such as are fully qualified and willing to cultivate that 'Friendship,' 'Union,' 'Fervent Zeal,' and 'Purity of Heart,' which alone should entitle us to the noble name of Masons."

A committee of five was appointed to revise and exemplify the work of the Chapter Degrees at a Special Convocation, to be held in the City of Baltimore, in January, 1865.

A resolution was adopted, having for its object the formation of a new Grand Chapter for the District of Columbia, which was referred to a committee of one member from each Chapter under the present jurisdiction.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Excellent Companion James Stinatt, Grand King, and who for many years has been an

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officer in the Grand Chapter of Maryland and District of Columbia, were adopted.

Companion Stinatt was an active Mason and one of the principal founders of Baltimore Commandery, No. 2, of Knights Templars, and at every Annual Assembly since has been elected as their Eminent Commander. He was also an officer in the Grand Encampment of the United States. Under the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite" he had been elected to the highest office in the Consistory.

No report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

E. Comp. John L. Yeates was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. Comp. W. Morris Smith was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this jurisdiction . . .	10
" " Members	713
" " Exalted the last year	184

MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the State of Missouri held its Annual Convocation in the City of St. Louis, on the eighteenth day of May, 1864. M. E. James N. Burns, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Grand High Priest presented his annual address, reviewing the condition of Royal Arch Masonry under his jurisdiction. He says: —

"That many of our Chapters are doing no good, and are, perhaps, permanently broken up. On the north side of our great river, I do not believe there are six Chapters doing work enough to justify the maintenance of their organizations. The existence of a Chapter, when it fails in its labors and its duties, is a positive injury to the Institution, and a wrong upon the neighboring Chapters. The present and past condition of the State prevents us from censuring our Companions in such cases, but it does not justify us in the continuing of Charters where no efforts have been, *or are being now made*, to recover what has been lost by merciless encroachments upon our sacred Tabernacles."

We trust that the clouds which have so long obscured the Masonic firmament in many of our Southern and Southwestern jurisdictions are passing away, that the blessing of peace will soon

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cause *our* waste places to be built up, and that our Order will come out of her trials more powerful for good from the severe trials and bitter experiences that she has passed through during the last four years of our country's efforts to preserve and transmit to posterity the heritage of freedom transmitted to us by our PATRIOT FATHERS.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their report, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters, our own not having been received. This report is very full and complete, reviewing very fully and courteously the doings of the several Grand Bodies. The report is signed by E. Comp. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary, which is a sufficient guaranty of its completeness.

In relation to Missouri, he says: —

"We acknowledge with sorrow that the unsettled condition of the country for the past three years has borne heavily on Missouri, and that Masonry, like everything else, has suffered; but we are not cast down. Hoping with a Christian's hope, and trusting in the God of Masons, we will come out of those troubles that now beset us, shorn, it may be, of a portion of our strength, but pure and unsullied."

In concluding his report, he says: —

"If the truly Masonic addresses of the several Grand High Priests and the reports on Foreign Correspondence were carefully studied, they would be found to contain lessons of forbearance, kindness, and exalted patriotism. If all Royal Arch Masons were to practise these lessons, then, indeed, would we be found fulfilling our true mission, — allaying strife; practising kindness, forbearance, and gentleness; pouring the oil of love upon the troubled waters of passion and contention; and demonstrating, by every means in our power, that reverence for the Ineffable name and obedience to His laws is no idle profession, but a living, actual reality; and that by the practice of these virtues alone can we be truly entitled to the honored title of a Royal Arch Mason. Companions of this jurisdiction, we can do much good if we are only true to our professions. Let us labor patiently and hopefully, that the time will soon come when our now scattered family may again be united, never again to be severed but by death. May the God of our fathers hasten that day!"

No business of interest to those out of the jurisdiction was transacted.

M. E. J. A. H. Lampten of St. Louis was elected and installed

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as Grand High Priest, and R. E. A. O'Sullivan was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters	23
„ „ Chapters returned	14
With a Membership of	627
„ „ Exaltations in fourteen Chapters	104

NEW YORK.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York held its Annual Communication in the city of Albany, on the 2d of February, 1864.

M. E. Darius A. Ogden, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Ninety-one Chapters were represented.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest we learn that "the past year has been one of uninterrupted, if not unparalleled prosperity to the craft throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter."

The Grand High Priest announces the death of R. E. Companion Ebenezer Wadsworth, who was the oldest member of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York; and, in a supplementary report, the death of the venerable Rev. Grand Chaplain, Salem Towne, LL.D. He says: —

"Companion Wadsworth was among the oldest, if not the very oldest, member of this Grand Chapter. In 1806, fifty-eight years ago, he was elected Grand Scribe; and it is noteworthy that at the same Convocation Rev. Salem Towne was elected Grand Chaplain, which office he, with but few exceptions, has filled and honored since.

"From 1818 to 1825 Comp. Wadsworth served the Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary, and was then succeeded by our present worthy Grand Secretary. In 1838 he was again elected Grand Scribe. His name also appears among the original corporators in the act incorporating the Grand Chapter of New York by the Legislature in 1818.

"The Rev. Comp. Towne departed this life at the residence of his son in Green Castle in Indiana, on the twenty-fourth day of February, 1864, and was buried with becoming honors at Aurora, Cayuga County, N.Y., where he had resided most of his life.

"Salem Towne was one of the best of men, as well as one of the most devoted and faithful of Masons. No words of mine can add to his reputation.

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His life-long exemplification of Christian purity and excellence, of manly virtue and integrity, are his best and proudest eulogy. He was acknowledged and respected by the world as a truly great and useful man, and his Masonic brethren everywhere know and remember him as one of the brightest jewels of their fraternity, — one fitted by faith in God, and polished by a well-ordered life, for the Great Master's use in the Temple above, to whose services and felicities he has passed from his earthly labors."

Upon our duties as citizens in the present disturbed condition of our country, he remarks: —

"Without trenching on forbidden ground, but with entire propriety, nay, with high hope and bright assurance, we look beyond the dark cloud which envelopes the present, and trace the course, the influence and beneficent action of our great fraternal brotherhood. With its foundations laid outside, and its labor of love lifted above and operating beyond the limits of partisan feeling or political action, it will stand a steady light to aid the revolution-tossed ship of State to the haven of peaceful rest, and that sure and permanent progress which can only come with peace and civil order."

The Standing Committee on Grievances reported, on the appeal of a Companion from the decision of Champlain Chapter, which report was accepted: —

"That, in their opinion, an expelled member of a Lodge, by such expulsion becomes excluded from all rights and privileges in a Chapter, and therefore no appeal can be cntertained by this Grand Body, until he shall have been restored to all the rights and privileges of the Lodge from which he shall have been expelled."

The same Committee also reported upon the charges preferred against a Companion, who it was alleged had received the Chapter degrees in an irregular manner. They also submitted a resolution which, with the Report, was accepted and adopted. The Committee say —

"That it was clearly proved that Comp. Shields was initiated, passed, and raised in the Shamrock and Thistle Lodge, in Glasgow, Scotland, in which Lodge he claims all the Chapter degrees, except the Most Excellent Master, were conferred on him '*on the blue.*' Your Committee have not deemed it necessary to ascertain whether all the Chapter degrees except the M. E. Master were regularly conferred on him in that Lodge, because it is conceded by him that they did not confer, nor has he ever received the degree of M. E. M., and this deficiency enables the Committee to determine the case without further examination of the other questions. Comp. Shields was subsequently admitted as a member of Nassau Chapter, No. 109; and

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no charges are made against him affecting his moral character, or standing, as a man or a Mason.

"Your Committee are of the opinion that Nassau Chapter violated the Constitution of this Grand Body, as it is thereby expressly forbidden to any Chapter to admit any person who has not regularly received, among others, the degree of M. E. M.

"Comp. Shields had therefore no right to become such member, and the charge that he had not received the Chapter degrees in a regular manner, was clearly sustained, and the commission should have so found.

"*Resolved*, That Nassau Chapter, No. 109, be and is hereby authorized, on the application of Companion Shields, to duly hail him as a Royal Arch Mason, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, and confer on him in due form the degree of M. E. M. That, on the same being so done, they certify the fact forthwith, under seal, to the M. E. Grand High Priest; and that thereupon all proceedings under the charges against him be and the same is hereby discharged."

The Committee on the Royal Arch Jurisprudence submitted a Report on several questions referred to them — which Report was accepted and adopted — the most important of which we here present: —

"1. Is it competent for a less number than nine to ballot for a candidate? The Chapter is opened with a constituted number, and a Companion leaves: can it then ballot, as well as transact other business?

"It *cannot*. Without nine companions present, it is not a Chapter, and can do nothing as a *Chapter*. As well might a Master's Lodge act with but two present.

"2. Is a Companion guilty of a Masonic misdemeanor who openly exhibits a black ball to the full view of the Chapter before depositing it in the box?

"He is, most certainly. Not only is the ballot strictly and inevitably secret, but such conduct leads to strife and dissension, and is amenable to Masonic penalties.

"3. Is a companion guilty of a Masonic misdemeanor, who casts a black ball against the application of a clergyman to receive the Chapter degrees, and states, when doing so, that he has nothing against the applicant?

"He is. The question, however, seems to imply more; and assuming either that the Companion avowed unworthy motives, or gave insufficient reasons for his acknowledged dissent, he is alike amenable to law. The mode of procedure in such cases is, to prefer charges for unmasonic conduct, with specifications."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing the Proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters. They say: —

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"We miss from our councils the tidings we were wont to receive from our Companions of the South; and while we anxiously wait we ardently pray for their return to the fold; and all shall again gather around our sacred Masonic altar in devout thanksgiving, 'for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again, and was lost, and is found.'"

In their review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, the Committee take the same view substantially that was taken by us in our Report of last year; and we are glad to learn that they considered the action of Iowa of so much importance as to make it a subject of reference to their Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence, who reported as follows: —

"1. That the office of Deputy Grand High Priest is not only eminently proper, but is provided for specifically in the General Grand Constitutions.

"2. That a Deputy Grand High Priest has no powers or duties, except such as may be specifically assigned to him by the Grand Chapter for convenience, as the representative of the Grand High Priest, except in case of absence from the State, the inability to act, or the death of the latter."

They further say: —

"The argument of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a proper reply to the positions taken in the Grand Chapter of Iowa; but, in addition to this, it will be found that the argument of our Iowa Companions is rather fanciful than practical. The three offices in the Grand Council represent the Priest, King, and Prophet, as under the Jewish government at the time of the erection of the second temple, each having distinct but specific duties; the Priest, for reasons obvious to every intelligent Royal Arch Mason, being given the preference. So far the theory of a 'three-headed unity' is preserved. But our Iowa Companions propose an innovation in a position where governmental functions are more important, — that is in a Grand Chapter. Their argument would, in case of a vacancy in the office of Grand High Priest, not only commingle the mitre and the crown, but destroy the *triad*, and remove one side of the triangle. We prefer *ever* to preserve it, and, to prevent the casualties incident to human life, have provided a substitute from amongst the sons of Aaron, without placing the sacred ephod upon the shoulders of the line of David."

From the report of the same Committee on Foreign Correspondence we learn that the M. E. John L. Lewis, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, has, during the last year renewed the Dispensation for Leavenworth Chapter, in Kansas. Also granted dispensations for Chapters in Denver City, Colorado; Carson City, Nevada; and for a Chapter at Smyrna, in Asiatic Turkey.

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M. E. Darius A. Ogden was re-elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. John O. Cole re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters represented under this jurisdiction . .	99
" " Members, as reported	4,940
" " Exaltations, as reported	679
Amount of Pay-roll for mileage and attendance at Annual Convocation	$2,374.00

After completing our review of the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, we received their report for 1865.

We have not space for an extended notice; but we cannot fail to notice, with great pleasure, the adoption of the following resolutions: —

"*Resolved*, That the erection of a Hall, and establishment of an Asylum for the benefit of aged and indigent Masons is a measure which strongly commends itself to the favorable consideration of this Grand Chapter, and is entitled to its cordial support.

"*Resolved*, That the sum of three thousand dollars be appropriated, out of the funds of the Grand Chapter, to be paid to the trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund of the State of New York, as the contribution of the Grand Chapter to that charity."

The M. E. Grand High Priest was requested to call the attention of the subordinate Chapters under his jurisdiction to take measures to further this noble charity before the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Warrants reported in favor of granting warrants for nine new Chapters, which report was accepted, and warrants granted.

The Committee on Royal Arch Jurisprudence submitted the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted: —

"*Resolved*, That a ballot may be demanded on the application of a brother for advancement in the degrees of the Chapter, and if such ballot be unfavorable he must petition as at first, and like action must be had thereon."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a very full and interesting report, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen jurisdictions, Massachusetts included.

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We note with pleasure the following extract: —

"Among the incidents of the day, we find one which must be highly gratifying to every loyal Mason; we view it as an earnest of returning national and Masonic reunion. At a Masonic gathering in the city of Savannah, in December last past (1864), there were representatives of Massachusetts, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Colorado Territory, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, New York, and Ohio. How appropriate the language of the Psalmist to that occasion: 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' May God grant this to be but the beginning of like communications, until all shall be again united in one bond of indissoluble brotherhood."

M. E. Horace S. Taylor, of New York, was elected Grand High Priest, and M. E. John O. Cole, of Albany, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters	99
„ „ Members reported	6,115
„ „ Exaltations	1,383

NEW JERSEY.

The Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this jurisdiction was holden in the city of Trenton on the 14th of September, A.D. 1864. M. E. John Shoville, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Every Chapter under the jurisdiction was represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest delivered his annual address, from which we learn that "peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our jurisdiction. Our labors have been abundantly blessed, and prosperity has crowned our efforts to advance the interests of our beloved order."

In alluding to the condition of our country he remarks: —

"Again, Companions, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence will be under the necessity of reporting, that, in consequence of the unsettled state of the country, many of our Grand Chapters still fail to send us their fraternal greetings. My Companions, let us with one accord humbly beseech Almighty God to hasten the day when the clouds of this wicked rebellion shall roll away and the light of peace again bless our land; when, in every locality of our common country, our brethren and Companions may be united in the great and glorious work of disseminating the fundamental principle of our Institution — 'peace on earth, and good will to men.'"

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Nothing of particular interest was before the Convocation, with the exception of adopting a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the Royal Craft, which was adopted as reported by the Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their annual report, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, our own included.

The Chairman, Rev. Companion William H. Jeffreys, in his report of last year, announced that, "with the conclusion of this report, we propose, if our Companions will consent, to lay down the pen, and retire from the list of Masonic writers."

But the Companions were too wise to *consent* to lose so able a workman, so that we are able again to present specimens of the work of our Companions in New Jersey. He remarks: —

"That the continued unsettled condition of the country has prevented Masonic correspondence with the Grand Chapters of the Southern States; for we are exceedingly anxious to know if Royal Arch Masonry has to any extent shared in the common ruin to which the rebellion has brought most of the institutions of that section of our common country. We fear that the long continued silence of our Royal Arch Companions in the South is ominous of evil. If this report should chance to cross the lines, and reach a sacred tabernacle in any of the Southern States, we trust that it will have a tendency to stimulate Royal Arch Masons to 'make a diligent search,' and see if they have not foolishly thrown away something of great value and importance. And we adjure them by all the sacred ties of our order to 'assemble the Craft,' and have the 'Royal proclamation' read in the hearing of all of the workmen, and then ask the question: 'Who is there among you? His God be with him,' if he will go up and labor to 'rebuild the sacred Temple,' and 'restore the beautiful workmanship' wrought out from the rough quarries by the dilligent hands of our forefathers."

Not having received the report from Missouri, we copy from the review of Companion Jeffreys: —

"The M. E. Grand High Priest, James N. Burns, says, in his annual address: 'Many of our Chapters are doing no good, and are, perhaps, permanently broken up. On the north side of our great river, I do not believe there are six Chapters doing work enough to justify the continuance of their organization.'

"Again he says: 'But few of our Companions understand the glorious traditions of the Royal Arch, and fewer still can communicate them to others. In most Chapters in Missouri, at this day, the degrees of M. E. and the Royal Arch are conferred almost unintelligibly, and frequently are made to appear senseless and ridiculous.'"

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Referring to the report on Foreign Correspondence, made by M. E. Companion O'Sullivan, Companion Jeffreys says, that —

"This report gives evidence that, at least, one Royal Arch Mason in Missourio possesses Masonic ability, and fully understands 'the glorious traditions of the sublime Royal Arch.'"

"Companion O'Sullivan concludes his report with the following fitting words: 'If the truly Masonic addresses of the several Grand High Priests and the reports on Foreign Correspondence were carefully studied, they would be found to contain lessons of forbearance, kindness, and exalted patriotism. If all Royal Arch Masons would practice these lessons, then, indeed, would we be found fulfilling our true mission, — pouring the oil of love upon the troubled waters of contention and passion, and demonstrating by every means in our power that reverence for the INEFFABLE NAME, and obedience to His laws, is no idle profession, but a living and actual reality among Royal Arch Masons.'"

The report of Companion Jeffreys is concluded with the following excellent advice: —

"Be not only Freemasons in name, *but in spirit and in truth.* Let not the fratricidal war which still continues in our country, nor the approaching contest of political parties at the ballot-box, or any other external commotion, stir up strife and discord within our sacred tabernacles. In view of solemn pledges and sacred ties let us agree to —

Adopt this rule, and have no other,
If a man's a Mason, he 's a brother."

M. E. Companion Charles M. Zeh was elected Grand High Priest, and E. Companion John Wolverton re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters	13
„ „ Members	624
„ „ Exaltations	143

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its Annual Convocation at Concord, on Monday, the 6th of June, 1864, and were in session two days.

M. E. E. W. Harrington, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest was presented as usual, reporting his doings for the year. He presented some

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timely remarks upon the trials of our country during the year, and concludes: —

"From these scenes, fraught with gloomy recollections of the past and doubtful forebodings of the future, let us turn to the exercises of this hour with a stronger desire to practise, exemplify, and disseminate the virtues and principles laid down by the Supreme Grand Ruler of the universe, upon which rests the temple of Freemasonry; and let us, with an undoubting trust in that Providence which has spared us during the past year, earnestly labor for the triumph of those principles, that peace and prosperity may again dawn upon us as a people, and bless our land."

From the several Reports of the Grand Council, the several Chapters under this jurisdiction were visited, and the work in the several degrees exemplified, and are reported as being in a healthy and flourishing condition.

We cannot refrain from quoting some timely remarks made by the E. Grand King in the conclusion of his Report. He says: —

"No one should accept an office in any Masonic body, who is unable or unwilling to devote the requisite time and labor to a thorough preparation for its duties; nor should he shrink from occasional inconvenience and sacrifice, if necessary, rather than be absent from his station at any regular or special meeting. This disregard of their obligations, so often shown by officers of Chapters, by want of punctuality in attendance and proficiency in their duties, gives our ancient institution more dangerous wounds in the house of its friends than it is possible for it to receive from its bitterest enemies."

The doings of the session were confined to its annual business; nothing of interest outside of their jurisdiction was transacted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters, our own included; but as these Reports were noticed by us in a preceding Report, we find nothing new to present. In relation to Massachusetts they say: —

"The Committee is pleased to find that this Grand Chapter is wheeling into the line with other Grand Chapters, so far as to present, for the first time, a Report on Foreign Correspondence."

M. E. Companion John R. Holbrook, of Portsmouth, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest; and E. Companion Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters under this jurisdiction	8
„ „ Members	732
„ „ Exaltations	104

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OHIO.

The annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio, was held in the city of Cleveland on the 14th and 15th of October, 1864.

M. E. Thomas J. Larsh, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Fifty-five Chapters were reported as being represented.

The Grand High Priest presented his Annual Communication in reference to official business.

He reports the granting of dispensations for three Chapters, to be known as Crestline, En-sa-wor-sa, and Clyde, and it was subsequently voted that Charters be granted.

He also reports the death of past Grand High Priest James Gates, High Priest of Lancaster Chapter, No. 11. Comp. Gates was born Aug. 13th, 1790, near Waterford, Maine, and was consequently in his seventy-fourth year. In 1829 he was elected High Priest of Lancaster Chapter, and continued to hold that honorable station by annual elections, until the day of his death. He was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio in 1830.

He also reports a communication from the Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. and S. M., in relation to the surrender of these degrees to the Grand Chapter of Ohio, which was referred to a select committee of five.

In concluding his Report he congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the harmony and prosperity which has prevailed throughout their jurisdiction.

The Committee on Grievances reported on the appeal of Comp. O. Evans, jr., from the action of Trinity Chapter, No. 44, in suspending him for non-payment of dues. The Committee say in their report: —

"That a difficulty occurred some two years ago, between Comp. Evans and Trinity Chapter, in consequence of said Chapter conferring degrees on a candidate, contrary to the wishes, and in opposition to the written protest of Comp. Evans; for which action of the Chapter he made complaint to this Grand Chapter, and the Grand Chapter passed a vote of censure on Trinity Chapter. Comp. Evans then asked for a dimit from Trinity Chapter, which they neglected to give, and at the close of the year called upon him for his

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dues. This he paid, and sent a written request to the Trinity Chapter for a dimit, which they utterly refused, and at the close of another year suspended him for non-payment of dues; from this action of Trinity Chapter Comp. Evans appeals.

"Your Committee are of the opinion that the Chapter erred in not granting Comp. Evans a dimit, and in suspending him for non-payment of dues. We would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: —

"*Resolved*, That the action of Trinity Chapter, No. 44, in suspending Comp. O. Evans, jr., from said Chapter be and the same is hereby reversed.

"*Resolved*, That said Chapter give said Comp. Evans a dimit of the date of his application.

"Resolutions adopted."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported the following resolution on the rights of members asking for dimits, which was adopted: —

"*Resolved*, That membership in a Chapter, from first to last, is voluntary on the part of the member. He may, for reasons satisfactory to himself, by consent of the Chapter, and without thereby subjecting himself to Masonic discipline, withdraw his membership; and, until he affiliates, he voluntarily renounces all claim to Masonic consideration."

The following resolutions reported by the Select Committee on the R. and S. M. degrees were adopted: —

"*Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to correspond with the Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, and, if practicable, agree upon a plan by which the Grand Council may be dissolved, and the degrees of Royal and Select Master transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

"*Resolved*, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to correspond with the Grand High Priests of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters, and the Puissant Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, on the subject, and report to this Grand Chapter at its next Grand Communication."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a very interesting Report, reviewing the proceedings of ten Grand Chapters, our own included, all of which are on our files.

M. E. Thomas J. Larsh was re-elected Grand High Priest; and E. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters	85
„ „ Members	3,139
„ „ Exaltations the past year	341
„ „ Deaths	72

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VERMONT.

The Annual Communication of this jurisdiction was held at St. Albans on the 5th of October, 1864.

M. E. Gamaliel Washburn, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Thirteen Chapters, the whole number under this jurisdiction, were represented.

From the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest we learn that Royal Arch Masonry is in a healthy condition, "peace and harmony prevailing" throughout their jurisdiction. He announces to the Grand Chapter the death of several of their most aged members: —

"Past Grand High Priest John S. Webster, aged sixty-seven. He was an active and consistent Mason during his entire Masonic life, having been initiated in 1817 He was exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason, and in 1828 received the Order of Knighthood.

"He had filled the office of Grand Commander of Knights Templars of Vermont, and Grand Commander of Burlington Commandery; Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont; and Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, for five successive years. He was instrumental in the formation of the Lodge at Winooski, bearing his name, Webster, and was elected its Most Worshipful Master.

"Past High Priest Thomas C. Taplin, aged seventy-one years, a wise and skillful Mason. He was initiated in 1817. He had filled the office of M. W. Master of Aurora Lodge; M. E. High Priest of King Solomon's Chapter; and Thrice Ill. Grand Master of Montpelier Council of Royal and Select Masters, which office he held the last eight years of his life.

"Comp. Jacob Rolfe, aged seventy-three years, an intimate friend of Comp. Webster, whom he visited a short time before the death of Comp. Webster. Comp. Rolfe was then in apparent good heaalth. He returned home, sickened and died within a week, following his friend to the land of rest.

"Comp. Henry Crane of Montpelier, was killed in the city of Toronto, while travelling to the West, on the 13th of January, 1864. While in the act of stepping on the train while in motion, lost his footing, and fell under the cars, crushing him in such a manner that he lived but a few hours.

"Comp. William E. Nichols, of Fort Dimmer Royal Arch Chapter, was killed while manfully doing his duty in preserving from fire the property of a brother Mason."

The M. E. in concluding his address remarks: —

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"That while our sands are fast running out, and our ranks being thinned by here and there a broken column, it becomes us to work while the day lasts, for soon the night of death will come wherein no man can work. May we be actuated by high and holy motives, dispensing that charity which suffereth long and is kind; for charity and prayer are the wings on which the soul flies to heaven."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report, reviewing in a faithful manner the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters, our own included.

But little business, aside from that usual at an Annual Convocation, was transacted.

We notice in the General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, the following Article, which has been adopted in several of the Grand Bodies, but which has not been strictly enforced in many of the jurisdictions: —

"ARTICLE 44. — No non-affiliated Master Mason shall receive the Chapter degrees; and that every Royal Arch Mason under this jurisdiction *shall* be an affiliated member of some Master's Lodge.

In connection with the Annual Proceedings of 1864, the Grand Chapter ordered the printing of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Gamaliel Washburn, of Montpelier, was re-elected Grand High Priest; and E. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary.

Number of Chapters	13
„ „ Members	900

The Reports reviewed by us all speak of the (*late*) unhappy condition of our country; but "old things have passed away." Let it now be the *work* of every true Mason, each in his particular walk in life, to exert every influence that God has given him, in securing a more glorious and enduring future for our country, that by no act of ours, as citizens or as Masons, shall its future be put in jeopardy.

We trust that before the close of another year your Committee may receive words of cheer and encouragement from those jurisdictions who have for so long a period been cut off from all intercourse with us: and may we not hope, that although their altars

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may have been overthrown, that they are not destroyed; and that our Order, tried as it has been during the last four years of alienation and strife, may come forth stronger and more determined, having been tried in the balance and found not wanting.

Most respectfully submitted.

JAMES KIMBALL,
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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ORGANIZATIONS.

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OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ELECTED OCTOBER 10, 1865.

M. E. RICHARD BRIGGS	*Grand High Priest.*
M. E. JOHN W. DADMUN	*Deputy Grand High Priest.*
M. E. DAVID W. CRAFTS	*Grand King.*
M. E. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS	*Grand Scribe.*
E. THEODORE H. EMMONS	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSE	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
E. LOUIS A. FELIX	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
E. CHARLES AVERY	*Grand Master Third Veil.*
E. BENJAMIN LEWIS	*Grand Master Second Veil.*
E. J. K. BAKER, JR.	*Grand Master First Veil.*
E. PETER C. JONES	*Grand Treasurer.*
E. THOMAS WATERMAN	*Grand Secretary.*
E. RUFUS S. POPE E. JOHN P. ROBINSON E. WILLIAM S. STUDLEY	*Grand Chaplains.*
E. EBEN F. GAY	*Senior Grand Steward.*
E. CHARLES G. JACKMAN	*Junior Grand Steward.*
E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	*Grand Lecturer.*
E. JOHN McCLELLAN E. SOLON THORNTON E. HENRY ENDICOTT	*Committee of Finance.*
E. PETER C. JONES E. WILLIAM PARKMAN E. RICHARD BRIGGS	*Trustees of the Funds.*
E. JAMES KIMBALL	*Com. on For. Correspondence.*
E. WILLIAM PARKMAN E. SAMUEL MILLARD E. THOMAS WATERMAN	*Committee of Charity.*
E. EBEN F. GAY	*Grand Tyler.*

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PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Benjamin Hurd, Jr.	1798, 99, 1800
*Dudley Atkins Tyng	1801, 2.
*Timothy Bigelow	1803, 4, 5.
*Isaiah Thomas	1806, 7, 8.
*Oliver Prescott	1809.
*James Dean Hopkins	1810, 11, 12.
*John Abbot	1813, 14, 15.
*Andrew Sigourney	1816, 17.
*James Prescott	1818, 19.
*Jonathan Gage	1820, 21, 22.
*Paul Dean	1823, 24, 25.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1826, 27, 28.
*Samuel Clark	1829, 30, 31.
*Josiah J. Fiske	1832, 33.
*Edward A. Raymond	1834, 35, 36.
Simon W. Robinson	1837, 38, 39.
*John B. Hammatt	1840.
*Elijah Atherton	1841, 42, 43.
Thomas Tolman	1844, 45.
Charles W. Moore	1846, 47, 48.
*Benjamin Huntoon	1849, 50, 51.
*Stephen Lovell	1852, 53, 54.
Daniel Harwood	1855, 56.
Wendell Thornton Davis	1857.
John McClellan	1858.
James Kimball	1859, 60, 61.
Solon Thornton	1862, 63, 64.

* Deceased.

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PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng	1799, from April to Sept.
*Jonathan Gage	1799.
*Joshua Greenleaf	1800.
*Simon Eliot	1801, 2.
*Benjamin Russell	1803–08, and 1816–20.
*Henry Fowle	1808–14.
*James C. King	1814, 15.
*Samuel L. Knapp	1820.
*Paul Dean	1821, 22.
*Augustus Peabody	1823–1826.
*Benjamin Huntoon	1826–29.
*Robert Lash	1829–33.
Thomas Tolman	1833 and 1841–44
Gardner Ruggles	1834–37.
*John B. Hammatt	1837–40.
*Elijah Atherton	1840.
*Elias Haskell	1844, 45.
*Ruel Baker	1846, 47.
Gilbert Nurse	1848.
Winslow Lewis, Jr.	1849.
*Stephen Lovell	1850, 51.
Timothy Ingraham	1852.
E. M. P. Wells	1853.
Joseph Bedlow	1854.
Samuel K. Hutchinson	1855.
William R. Alger	1856.
Tracy P. Cheever	1857.
*Isaac P. Seavy	1858.
Wyzeman Marshall	1859.
Solon Thornton	1860.
Richard Briggs	1861.
Albert H. Kirkham	1862.
John K. Hall	1863.
Caleb Rand	1864.

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PAST GRAND KINGS.

*Dudley Atkins Tyng	1798.
*James Harrison	1799.
*William McKeen	1800.
*Charles Jackson	1801.
*Benjamin Russell	1802.
*Gilman White	1803, 4.
*David Coffin, Jr.	1805.
*Amos Tappan	1806.
*Oliver Prescott	1807, 8.
*William Woart	1809, 10.
*John Abbot	1811, 12.
*Samuel L. Knapp	1813, 14.
*Henry Fowle	1815.
*James C. King	1816, 17.
*Joseph Brown	1818.
*Robert Lash	1819.
*Caleb Butler	1820–23.
Henry Whipple	1823.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1824–25.
Richard S. Spofford	1826–29.
*Charles Train	1829–32.
*Edward A. Raymond	1832, 33.
*William Whiting	1834, 35.
Simon W. Robinson	1836.
*Elijah Atherton	1837–40.
*Enoch Hobart	1840.
*John R. Bradford	1841–44.
Charles W. Moore	1844, 45.
Gilbert Nurse	1846, 47.
William Eaton	1848.
Lucien B. Keith	1849.
Samuel Millard	1850, 51
John Flint	1852.
James W. Crooks	1853.
Ebenezer W. Tolman	1854.
Jonathan G. Johnson	1855.
Wendell Thornton Davis	1856.
William Parkman	1857.
William H. L. Smith	1858.

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William W. Baker	1859.
*Sylvester Baxter	1860.
William S. Shurtleff	1861.
Charles C. Dame	1862.
Henry Chickering	1863.
Albert E. Foth	1864.

PAST GRAND SCRIBES.

*James Harrison	1798.
*Joshua Greenleaf	1799.
*Charles Jackson	1800.
*Benjamin Russell	1801.
*Stephen Howard	1802.
*Abraham Perkins	1803, 4.
*Samuel A. Otis	1805.
*James Dean Hopkins	1806.
*Thomas Carey, Jr.	1807, 8.
*Thomas Jackson	1809.
*Sumner Barstow	1810.
*Henry Purkett	1811.
*Edward Turner	1812.
*Andrew Sigourney	1813, 14.
*Nathaniel Knapp, Jr.	1815.
*Joseph Brown	1816, 17.
*Robert Lash	1818.
*James Morse	1819, 20.
*Rosewell Lee	1821.
*Daniel Baxter	1822.
*Daniel Lewis Gibbens	1823.
*John James Loring	1824, 25.
*Samuel Clark	1826–29.
Charles Wells	1829–33.
*William Whiting	1833.
Simon W. Robinson	1834–35.
*Elijah Atherton	1836.
*Enoch Hobart	1837–40.
*John R. Bradford	1840.
*Robert Keith	1841–44.
*Ruel Baker	1844, 45.
*Joel Talbot	1846, 47.
*Lucien B. Keith	1848.

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Samuel Millard	1849.
*Henry Earl	1850, 51
Jonas A. Marshall	1852.
*Horace Chenery	1853.
John McClellan	1854.
Abraham A. Dame	1855.
John Andrews	1856.
Joel Spalding	1857.
James Kimball	1858.
Henry Goddard	1859.
George Sherwin	1860.
George Talbot	1861.
Moses H. Fowler	1862.
John N. Pike	1863.
Wanton T. Drew	1864.

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ABSTRACT

FROM THE

Returns of the Subordinate Chapters

FOR THE YEAR 1865,

WITH DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5769.

OFFICERS.

M. E. LYMAN B. MESTON	*High Priest.*
E. GEORGE T. AMBROSE	*King.*
E. A. F. CHAPMAN	*Scribe.*
CHARLES W. ROMNEY	*Captain of the Host.*
J. N. M. CLOUGH	*Principal Sojourner.*
WILLIAM S. HILLS	*Royal Arch Captain*
FRANCIS P. BABBITT	*Master Third Veil.*
GEORGE E. HALL	*Master Second Veil.*
CHARLES O. FOX	*Master First Veil.*
JOHN MCCLELLAN	*Treasurer.*
THOMAS WATERMAN	*Secretary.*
JOHN P. ROBINSON	*Chaplain.*
LUTHER L. TARBELL	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 351; Candidates exalted, 71; Fees to Grand Chapter, $219.

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KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NEWBURYPORT.

A.L. 5790.

OFFICERS.

John N. Pike	*High Priest.*
Warren Currier	*King.*
William H. Johnson	*Scribe.*
Enoch G. Currier	*Captain of the Host.*
John Walton	*Principal Sojourner.*
David J. Adams	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Nathan A. Moulton	*Master Third Veil.*
Tristram Talbot	*Master Second Veil*
John M. Carter	*Master First Veil.*
Mark Symons	*Treasurer.*
James W. Cheney	*Secretary.*
O. S. Butler	*Chaplain.*
Samuel Noyes	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, Thursday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 57; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $48.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, SALEM.

A.L. 5811.

OFFICERS.

M. E. W. C. Maxwell	*High Priest.*
E. Charles H. Norris	*King.*
E. John J. Coker	*Scribe.*
J. P. Browning	*Captain of the Host.*
G. W. Rollins	*Principal Sojourner.*
Henry H. Blake	*Royal Arch Captain.*
George Tapley	*Master Third Veil.*
Samuel Weston	*Master Second Veil.*
Daniel H. Jewett	*Master First Veil.*
Alva Kendall	*Treasurer.*
William Archer	*Secretary.*
William L. Batchelder	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Present number of Members, 112; Candidates exalted, 37; Fees to Grand Chapter, $117.

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ADONIRAM CHAPTER, NEW BEDFORD.

A.L. 5816.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Wanton T. Drew	*High Priest.*
E. John B. Baylies	*King.*
E. John A. Lee	*Scribe.*
William W. Arnold	*Captain of the Host.*
Henry G. Pomroy	*Principal Sojourner.*
David S. Small	*Royal Arch Captain.*
William E. Mason	*Master Third Veil.*
Charles H. Sanford	*Master Second Veil.*
Charles Searell	*Master First Veil.*
Edward Stetson	*Treasurer.*
E. C. Leonard	*Secretary.*
Rev. George W. Stearns	*Chaplain.*
William A. Searell	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 240; Candidates exalted, 30; Fees to Grand Chapter, $96.

MORNING STAR CHAPTER, SPRINGFIELD.

A.L. 5817.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Albert E. Foth	*High Priest.*
E. Hiram A. Keath	*King.*
E. Moses Wingate	*Scribe.*
James C. Drake	*Captain of the Host.*
R. H. Bailey	*Principal Sojourner.*
William F. Bowers	*Royal Arch Captain.*
James M. Porter	*Master Third Veil.*
D. B. Montague	*Master Second Veil.*
Lovel K. Cole	*Master First Veil.*
Thomas Warner, Jr.	*Treasurer.*
H. D. Miller	*Secretary.*
Rev. Pliny Wood	*Chaplain.*
George D. Rollins	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 229; Candidates exalted, 39; Fees to Grand Chapter, $123.

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FRANKLIN CHAPTER, GREENFIELD.

A.L. 5817.

OFFICERS.

M. E. W. C. Robinson	*High Priest.*
E. Robert R. Mayers	*King.*
E. Christopher Clark	*Scribe.*
George F. Wright	*Captain of the Host.*
Josiah F Prindle	*Principal Sojourner.*
Joseph C. Williams	*Royal Arch Captain*
Ira H. Stevens	*Master Third Ve*
O. O. Roberts	*Master Second Veil.*
C. J. Emerson	*Master First Veil.*
Ansel Wright	*Treasurer.*
A. Perry Peck	*Secretary.*
W. T. Clement	*Chaplain.*
George F. Phelps	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday of each month.

Present number of Members, 98; Candidates exalted, 28; Fees to Grand Chapter, $90.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, BOSTON.

A.L. 5818.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Henry Endicott	*High Priest.*
E. Frederic A. Pierce	*King.*
E. R. M. Barker	*Scribe.*
James A. Fox	*Captain of the Host.*
Samuel W. Greene	*Principal Sojourner.*
Charles G. Jackman	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Henry N. Sawyer	*Master Third Veil.*
Henry Warren	*Master Second Veil.*
Henry A. Barry	*Master First Veil.*
John K. Hall	*Treasurer.*
Theodore H. Emmons	*Secretary.*
John W. Dadmun	*Chaplain.*
Luther L. Tarbell	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, third Tuesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 345; Candidates exalted, 54; Fees to Grand Chapter, $171.50.

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MOUNT ZION CHAPTER, STOUGHTON.

A.L. 5820.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Jonathan R. Gay	*High Priest.*
E. Bradford Kinsley	*King.*
E. Hiram Gay	*Scribe.*
James Swan	*Captain of the Host.*
I. H. Stearns	*Principal Sojourner.*
Benjamin Ward, Jr.	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Hiram Linfield	*Master Third Veil.*
Washington Tower	*Master Second Veil.*
Horace Beals	*Master First Veil.*
Lemuel Gay	*Treasurer.*
Azel Capen	*Secretary.*
A. St. John Chambre	*Chaplain.*
A. B. Abbot	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, Friday preceding full moon.

Present number of Members, 37; Candidates exalted, 10; Fees to Grand Chapter, $36.

THOMAS CHAPTER, FITCHBURG.

A.L. 5821.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Charles S. Litch	*High Priest.*
E. E. D. Bancroft	*King.*
E. John Burney	*Scribe.*
Jonas A. Marshall	*Captain of the Host.*
James E. Manning	*Principal Sojourner.*
Warren C. Upton	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Francis Sheldon	*Master Third Veil.*
Joseph A. Tufts	*Master Second Veil.*
S. W. Huntley	*Master First Veil.*
Arnold Wilson	*Treasurer.*
Henry Allison	*Secretary.*
David C. Brick	*Chaplain.*
Joseph Pierce	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, Wednesday on or before the full moon in each month, July excepted.

Present number of Members, 70; Candidates exalted, 6; Fees to Grand Chapter, $24.

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WORCESTER CHAPTER, WORCESTER.

A.L. 5823.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Thomas E. St. John	*High Priest.*
E. C. G. Reed	*King.*
E. F. H. Rice	*Scribe.*
John Dean	*Captain of the Host.*
Daniel W. Bemis	*Principal Sojourner*
Joseph B. Lawrence	*Royal Arch Captain*
Daniel Seagrave	*Master Third Veil.*
J. E. Chase	*Master Second Veil.*
C. H. Fitch	*Master First Veil.*
Asa Walker	*Treasurer.*
Clarendon Wheeler	*Secretary.*
Samuel Kelley	*Chaplain.*
N. Cowen	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, second Friday in each month, except July and August.

Present number of Members, 120; Candidates exalted, 29; Fees to Grand Chapter, $95.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, MILFORD.

A.L. 5824.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Henry C. Skinner	*High Priest.*
E. J. R. Spaulding	*King.*
E. H. H. Bowers	*Scribe.*
George E. Stacy	*Captain of the Host*
John S. Cox	*Principal Sojourner*
J. Harding Smith	*Royal Arch Captain*
Ezra Holbrook	*Master Third Veil.*
Leonard Fairbanks	*Master Second Veil*
J. C. Bradford	*Master First Veil.*
Leonard Hunt	*Treasurer.*
Harri T. Bradish	*Secretary.*
Leonard Wakefield	*Chaplain.*
John M. Wood	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, first Thursday after full moon.

Present number of Members, 114; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand Chapter, $69.

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NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, NORTHAMPTON.

A.L. 5825.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Samuel W. Lee, Jr.	*High Priest.*
E. Robert R. Mayers	*King.*
E. William D. Axtel	*Scribe.*
George F. Wright	*Captain of the Host.*
Josiah H. Prindle	*Principal Sojourner.*
Chris. Clarke	*Royal Arch Captain.*
J. C. Williams	*Master Third Veil.*
J. L. Manchester	*Master Second Veil.*
William Welch	*Master First Veil.*
Ansel Wright	*Treasurer.*
William H. Todd	*Secretary.*
William T. Clements	*Chaplain.*
A. S. Phelps	*Sentinel.*

Regular meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of members, 67; Candidates exalted, 18; Fees to Grand Chapter, $60.

CONCORD CHAPTER, FRAMINGHAM.

A.L. 5826.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Jonathan Greenwood	*High Priest.*
E. Samuel A. Hastings	*King.*
E. J. C. King	*Scribe.*
N. L. Winch	*Captain of the Host.*
B. Morse	*Principal Sojourner.*
J. C. Cloyes	*Royal Arch Captain.*
John Blair	*Master Third Veil.*
L. C. Newton	*Master Second Veil.*
W. H. Seaver	*Master First Veil.*
Adam Hemenway	*Treasurer.*
C. J. Frost	*Secretary.*
J. P. Temple	*Chaplain.*
Frederick Coe	*Sentinel.*

Regular meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 37; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, $84.

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MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, LOWELL.

A.L. 5826.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Hiram N. Hall	*High Priest.*
E. Albion J. Dudley	*King.*
E. Charles Morrill	*Scribe.*
T. L. P. Lamson	*Captain of the Host.*
John M. Pevey	*Principal Sojourner.*
Horace B. Bacon	*Royal Arch Captain.*
John W. Patch	*Master Third Veil.*
Julian V. Keyes	*Master Second Veil.*
Frederick Frye	*Master First Veil.*
Jonathan P. Folsom	*Treasurer.*
Richard W. Baker	*Secretary.*
J. J. Twiss	*Chaplain.*
S. K. Fielding	*Sentinel.*

Regular meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 159; Candidates exalted, 16; Fees to Grand Chapter, $56.

SAINT JOHN'S CHAPTER, EAST BOSTON.

A.L. 5854.

OFFICERS.

M. E. John Tyrer	*High Priest.*
E. E. C. Chamberlin	*King.*
E. John G Hazlett	*Scribe.*
George F. Sampson	*Captain of the Host.*
J. Byron Nason	*Principal Sojourner.*
Olof Lindergreen	*Royal Arch Captain.*
James Smith	*Master Third Veil.*
Benjamin Albee	*Master Second Veil.*
Thomas Shaw	*Master First Veil.*
George T. Sampson	*Treasurer.*
H. Mayo	*Secretary.*
Samuel W. Foljambe	*Chaplain.*
Samuel W. Gleason	*Sentinel.*

Regular meetings, fourth Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 115; Candidates exalted, 38; Fees to Grand Chapter, $120.

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CHAPTER OF THE SHEKINAH, CHELSEA.

A.L. 5855.

OFFICERS.

M. E. George H. Marden	*High Priest.*
E. Henry G. Fay	*King.*
E. James M. Greenwood	*Scribe.*
Charles M. Avery	*Captain of the Host.*
Charles T. Gay	*Principal Sojourner.*
John Walter	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Alexander Campbell	*Master Third Veil.*
William D. Seely	*Master Second Veil.*
John E. Marden	*Master First Veil.*
Slade Luther	*Treasurer.*
George W. Vose	*Secretary.*
Rev. Charles H. Leonard	*Chaplain.*
Amos Seavey	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 147; Candidates exalted, 32; Fees to Grand Chapter, $102.

ORIENT CHAPTER, HYANNIS.

A.L. 5856.

OFFICERS.

M. E. J. K. Baker, Jr.	*High Priest.*
E. Rufus S. Pope	*King.*
E. Thomas Weston	*Scribe.*
J. W. Chapman	*Captain of the Host.*
G. J. Miller	*Principal Sojourner.*
Samuel Snow	*Royal Arch Captain.*
John B. Baxter	*Master Third Veil.*
Ozias C. Baker	*Master Second Veil.*
Stephen Sears	*Master First Veil.*
Alexander Baxter	*Treasurer.*
A. S. Hallett	*Secretary.*
James Barnaby	*Chaplain.*
Sidney Crowell	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full moon in February, May, August, and November.

Present number of Members, 49; Candidates exalted, 7; Fees to Grand Chapter, $27.

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PENTUCKET CHAPTER, HAVERHILL.

A.L. 5856.

OFFICERS.

M. E. D. B. Tenny	*High Priest.*
E. F. J. Stevens	*King.*
E. L. C. Wadleigh	*Scribe.*
E. M. Hines	*Captain of the Host.*
David M. Kelly	*Principal Sojourner.*
B. F. Darling	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Arvida M. Vance	*Master Third Veil.*
T. P. Mitchell	*Master Second Veil.*
E. Bailey Littlefield	*Master First Veil.*
John P. Randall	*Treasurer.*
Alvah Whittier	*Secretary.*
Rev. C. H. Seymour	*Chaplain.*
N. K. Johnson	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, first Friday in each month.

Present number of Members, 93; Candidates exalted, 21; Fees to Grand Chapter, $69.

BERKSHIRE CHAPTER, PITTSFIELD.

A.L. 5858.

OFFICERS.

M. E. A. N. Allen	*High Priest.*
E. H. S. Russell	*King.*
E. L. Scott	*Scribe.*
D. A. Clary	*Captain of the Host.*
S. H. Almy	*Principal Sojourner.*
William H. Cooley	*Royal Arch Captain.*
J. T. Fenn	*Master Third Veil.*
H. T. Robbins	*Master Second Veil.*
H. H. Wellington	*Master First Veil.*
J. Carter	*Treasurer.*
L. H. Gamwell	*Secretary.*

Regular Meetings, first Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 49; Candidates exalted, 16; Fees to Grand Chapter, $54.

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KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, WARE.

A.L. 5858.

OFFICERS.

M. E. George Robinson	*High Priest.*
E. John Crosby	*King.*
E. John Wetherbee	*Scribe.*
John T. Jordan	*Principal Sojourner.*
J. W. Robinson	*Captain of the Host.*
M. H. Gross	*Royal Arch Captain.*
N. G. Reed	*Master of Third Veil.*
D. R. Winslow	*Master of Second Veil*
C. W. Richards	*Master of First Veil.*
W. C. Sheldon	*Treasurer.*
Samuel H. Phelps	*Secretary.*

No return of Members and Candidates.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, FOXBOROUGH.

A.L. 5860.

OFFICERS.

M. E. James E. Carpenter	*High Priest.*
E. William W. Skinner	*King.*
E. Isaac P. Carpenter	*Scribe.*
Freeman J. Sawyer	*Captain of the Host.*
William B. Crocker	*Principal Sojourner.*
William C. Perry	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Edson W. Ford	*Master of Third Veil.*
Charles H. Sawyer	*Master of Second Veil.*
Henry Paine	*Master of First Veil.*
William Carpenter	*Treasurer.*
Albert K. Belcher	*Secretary.*
George C. Forrest	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 28; Candidates exalted, 20; Fees to Grand Chapter, $66.

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MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, LAWRENCE.

A.L. 5860.

OFFICERS.

M. E. William H. Jaquith	*High Priest.*
E. D. F. Robinson	*King.*
E. Daniel Nason	*Scribe.*
John Haigh	*Captain of the Host.*
Caleb Saunders	*Principal Sojourner.*
Nathan A. Bishop, Jr.	*Royal Arch Captain.*
G. M. Stoddard	*Master of Third Veil.*
John B. Penniman	*Master of Second Veil*
C. H. Flint	*Master of First Veil.*
Rufus Reed	*Treasurer.*
P. B. Robinson	*Secretary.*
N. W. Harmon	*Chaplain.*
George W. Watterhouse	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, last Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 80; Candidates exalted, 19; Fees to Grand Chapter, $63.

PILGRIM CHAPTER, ABINGTON.

A.L. 5862.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Samuel B. Thaxter	*High Priest.*
E. Abner Holbrook	*King.*
E. Micah Nash	*Scribe.*
William H. Davis	*Captain of the Host.*
Cyrus Morton, Jr.	*Principal Sojourner.*
P. F. Hollywood	*Royal Arch Captain.*
George W. Fay	*Master of Third Veil.*
Prescott Lothrop	*Master of Second Veil.*
Franklin P. Harlow	*Master of First Veil.*
Benjamin L. Nash	*Treasurer.*
Erastus M. Nash	*Secretary.*
Rev. F. P. Howland	*Chaplain.*
Joseph F. French	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, Friday on or after full moon.

Present number of Members, 105; Candidates exalted, 27; Fees to Grand Chapter, $87.

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WAVERLY CHAPTER, MELROSE.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Frederick J. Foss	*High Priest.*
E. Lyman Dike	*King.*
E. Thomas Winship	*Scribe.*
Samuel Tidd	*Captain of the Host.*
Charles C. Dike	*Principal Sojourner.*
Charles H. Delano	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Osgood W. Upham	*Master of Third Veil.*
George G. Nichols	*Master of Second Veil.*
Nathaniel Leonard	*Master of First Veil.*
George W. Heath	*Treasurer.*
Walter Littlefield	*Secretary.*
Rev. Thomas J. Greenwood	*Chaplain.*
Smith W. Nichols	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 157; Candidates exalted, 60; Fees to Grand Chapter, $186.

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHAPTER, SOUTH BOSTON.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Charles H. White	*High Priest.*
E. Benjamin Pope	*King.*
E. Benjamin T. Wells	*Scribe.*
John J. Dyer	*Captain of the Host.*
David Armstrong	*Principal Sojourner.*
Hugh McCully	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Ralph Crooker, Jr.	*Master Third Veil.*
Ethan R. Cheney	*Master Second Veil.*
William C. Culver	*Master First Veil.*
George Baxter, Jr.	*Treasurer.*
N. A. Appollonio	*Secretary.*
Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge	*Chaplain.*
William D. Rockwood	*Sentinel.*

Meetings, second Monday in each month.

Present number of Members, 95; Candidates exalted, 67.

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HAMPDEN CHAPTER, PALMER.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M. E. James B. Shaw	*High Priest.*
E. Marshall Fox	*King.*
E. John E. Crane	*Scribe.*
J. S. Williams	*Captain of the Host.*
E. F. Morris	*Principal Sojourner.*
C. W. Hastings	*Royal Arch Captain.*
S. G. Newton	*Master Third Veil.*
Frederick J. Wassum	*Master Second Veil.*
William Merriam	*Master First Veil.*
A. N. Dewey	*Treasurer.*
William W. Cross	*Secretary.*
L. A. Nelson	*Sentinel.*

Regular meetings, Wednesday succeeding full moon.

Present number of Members, 32; Candidates exalted, 4; Fees to Grand Chapter, $18.

MYSTIC CHAPTER, MEDFORD.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Nehemiah T. Merritt	*High Priest.*
E. Henry H. Gilmore	*King.*
E. Samuel C. Lawrence	*Scribe.*
Benjamin A. Hersey	*Captain of the Host.*
Charles E. Joyce	*Principal Sojourner.*
Benjamin F. Hayes	*Royal Arch Captain.*
James H. Archibald	*Master Third Veil.*
Alfred Haskell	*Master Second Veil.*
Smith B. Harrington	*Master First Veil.*
Luther Farwell	*Treasurer.*
Parker R. Litchfield	*Secretary.*
James Skinner	*Chaplain.*
Daniel W. Lawrence	*Sentinel.*

Regular meetings, Thursday after full moon.

Present number of Members, 61; Candidates exalted, 23; Fees to Grand Chapter, $75.

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SUTTON CHAPTER, LYNN.

A.L. 5863.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Alonzo C. Blethen	*High Priest.*
E. John G. Dudley	*King.*
E. Joshua C. Eldred	*Scribe.*
James A. Austin	*Captain of the Host.*
James F. Hartshorne, Jr.	*Principal Sojourner.*
Timothy Stevens	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Ezekiel F. Estes	*Master Third Veil.*
George F. Breed	*Master Second Veil.*
Henry O. Burrill	*Master First Veil.*
George B. Tolman	*Treasurer.*
Henry C. Oliver	*Secretary.*
Timothy G. Senter	*Chaplain.*
George T. Estes	*Sentinel.*

Regular meetings, second Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 36; Candidates exalted, 13; Fees to Grand Chapter, $34.

FALL RIVER CHAPTER, FALL RIVER.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Robert C. Brown	*High Priest.*
E. Robert Henry	*King.*
E. Joshua Remington	*Scribe.*
Silas Williams	*Captain of the Host.*
James Davenport	*Principal Sojourner.*
William Davenport	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Daniel Stillwell	*Master Third Veil.*
Alden Gilbert	*Master Second Veil.*
John Whitaker	*Master First Veil.*
A. L. Westgate	*Treasurer.*
Thomas L. Brayton	*Secretary.*
John Shepley	*Chaplain.*
William Preston	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 65; Candidates exalted, 65; Fees to Grand Chapter, $195.

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CAMBRIDGE CHAPTER, CAMBRIDGE.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Z. H. Thomas, Jr.	*High Priest.*
E. William F. Knowles	*King.*
E. James G. Holt	*Scribe.*
Frank A. Kennedy	*Captain of the Host.*
A. H. Stevens, Jr.	*Principal Sojourner.*
Enos B. Phillips	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Samuel M. Davis	*Master Third Veil.*
Samuel D. Young	*Master Second Veil.*
William J. Dowd	*Master First Veil.*
Caleb C. Allen	*Treasurer.*
Frederick W. Gregory	*Secretary.*
Rev. C. A. Skinner	*Chaplain.*
Daniel M. Hazen	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 14; Candidates exalted, 69; Fees to Grand Chapter, $207.

WALTHAM CHAPTER, WALTHAM.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Charles A. Welch	*High Priest.*
E. Louis A. Felix	*King.*
E. William B. Learned	*Scribe.*
J. W. Fairbanks	*Captain of the Host.*
Robert L. Davis	*Principal Sojourner.*
John. C. Locke	*Royal Arch Captain.*
Charles Moore	*Master Third Veil.*
Henry W. Hartwell	*Master Second Veil.*
William Locke	*Master First Veil.*
Henry Martyn	*Treasurer.*
Francis W. Adams	*Secretary.*
Royal S. Warren	*Chaplain.*
Levi Bowers	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, Thursday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 60; Candidates exalted, 59; Fees to Grand Chapter, $177.

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SAINT MARK'S CHAPTER, TAUNTON.

A.L. 5864.

OFFICERS.

M. E. JOHN HOLLAND	*High Priest.*
E. CHARLES F. JOHNSON	*King.*
E. JAMES BROWN	*Scribe.*
EDWARD E. WASHBURN	*Captain of the Host.*
JOHN E. BROWNE	*Principal Sojourner.*
JAMES UTLEY	*Royal Arch Captain.*
EDWARD MOTT	*Master Third Veil.*
L. O. BARNARD	*Master Second Veil.*
F. G. SHALLING	*Master First Veil.*
CHARLES LAWTON	*Treasurer.*
D. L. MITCHELL	*Secretary.*
W. H. BROWN	*Chaplain.*
THOMAS G. ROTHWELL	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, Monday on or before full moon.

Present number of Members, 63; Candidates exalted, 52; Fees to Grand Chapter, $156.

MOUNT HOLYOKE CHAPTER, HOLYOKE.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

M. E. WILLIAM GROVER	*High Priest.*
E. NATHANIEL W. QUINT	*King.*
E. JOHN A. DAY	*Scribe.*
OSCAR S. TUTTLE	*Captain of the Host.*
CYRUS L. FRINK	*Principal Sojourner.*
ROBERT B. JOHNSON	*Royal Arch Captain*
HOSEA H. CURRIER	*Master Third Veil.*
ALLAN HIGGINBOTTOM	*Master Second Veil.*
CHARLES BLODGETT	*Master First Veil.*
THOMAS H. WELLINGTON	*Treasurer.*
CHARLES H. LYMAN	*Secretary.*
ALEXANDER M. AVERILL	*Chaplain.*
ROBERT S. HOWARD	*Sentinel.*

Regular Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.

Present number of Members, 15; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $42.

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MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, ROXBURY.

A.L. 5865.

OFFICERS.

M. E. John W. Dadmun	*High Priest.*
E. George Frost	*King.*
Samuel Little	*Scribe.*
E. Charles J. Danforth	*Captain of the Host.*
John W. Lord	*Principal Sojourner.*
Ebenezer Adams	*Royal Arch Captain.*
William B. May	*Master Third Veil.*
George Richards	*Master Second Veil*
Joshua H. Putnam	*Master First Veil.*
John F. Newton	*Secretary.*
Franklin S. Merritt	*Chaplain.*

Regular Meetings, third Thursday in each month.

Present number of Members, 14; Candidates exalted, 14; Fees to Grand Chapter, $42.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, ADAMS SOUTH VILLAGE.

A.L. 5865. U. D.

OFFICERS.

Daniel Upton	*High Priest.*
Alden Millard	*King.*
H. C. Bowen	*Scribe.*

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RECAPITULATION.

Chapter.	Exalted.	No. Members.
St. Andrews	71	351
King Cyrus	14	57
Washington	37	112
Adoniram	30	240
Morning Star	39	229
Franklin	28	98
St. Paul's	54	345
Mount Zion	10	87
Thomas	6	70
Worcester	29	120
Mount Lebanon	21	114
Northampton	18	67
Concord	23	37
Mount Horeb	16	159
St. John's	38	115
Shekinah	32	147
Orient	7	49
Pentucket	21	93
Berkshire	16	49
King Solomon's	0	24
Keystone	20	28
Mount Sinai	19	80
Pilgrim	27	105
Waverly	60	157
St. Matthew's	67	95
Hampden	4	32
Mystic	23	61
Sutton	13	36
Fall River	55	65
Cambridge	69	14
Waltham	59	60
St. Marks	63	52
Mount Holyoke	15	14
Mount Vernon	13	14
Total, 1865	1,017	3,326
„ 1864	590	2,488
Increase	427	838

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